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NS STATES-ITEM

Federal Agent To Testify in KKK Suit

VICKSBURG, Miss. (AP) — Testimony resumed today in a federal court hearing on a \$1 million damage suit against the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and eight individuals by heirs of a slain Negro.

FBI agent Robert Wells of the Memphis, Tenn., office was scheduled as the first witness today.

Defendants in the damage suit include three men who were arrested on murder charges after the body of Ben Chester White, 65, was found in a remote area near Natchez on June 10, 1966. He had been hit by 17 rifle bullets and a shotgun blast.

The three are James L. Jones, 58, Ernest Avants, 37, and Claude Fuller, 48, all of the Natchez area. The case of Jones, who had turned state's witness, ended in a mistrial while Av-

ants won acquittal. Fuller was later indicted on a lesser charge of accessory after the fact, but his case has not come up for trial.

James O. Anders, former Adams County sheriff, yesterday introduced statements he said were given by Jones telling of his part in the slaying. Anders testified that Jones had related facts to authorities in which he told of driving the car used in the killing and of helping dispose of the body in a creek.